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(b) if so, whether this concession is allowed to the landless poor who have been assigned lands under G.O. No. 1523, Revenue, dated 11th June 1949?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue) :—" (a) Yes. Loans are granted to political sufferers and Ex-servicemen under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists Loans Act on hypothecation of the lands assigned to them or some other lands owned by them.

" (b) Yes."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are the Government still pursuing the policy of granting loans to political sufferers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Not on the ground that they are political sufferers but on the ground that they own lands."

Improvements to the conditions in jails.

* 81 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether the conditions in jails have been improved and if so, in what manner;

(b) the food ration allowed for inmates in jails, after decontrol of foodgrains;

(c) whether the inmates are allowed groundnut and potato in addition to foodgrains;

(d) whether, in the evenings, the inmates are allowed to have any entertainments, and if so, what kind of entertainments; and

(e) whether the inmates are supplied with magazines and periodicals?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (a) The following are some of the noteworthy measures introduced in recent years with a view to improve the conditions in jails :—

(1) Prisoners who are certified to be in real need of a pair of spectacles are supplied with a pair each.

(2) Dental treatment is given to prisoners at the cost of Government according to the nature of the treatment and the class to which the prisoner belongs.

(3) The privilege allowed to class I prisoners for the use of soap, hair oil, unction oil at their own cost is extended to such class II prisoners as have by their conduct and behaviour in jails proved themselves deserving of this amenity.

(4) Prisoners are supplied with one ounce of oil per prisoner for oil bath once a month; and 1½ ounces of Boonthikai per mensem per prisoner.

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(5) Class II prisoners are now allowed to write and receive two letters a month and an interview once a fortnight. Formerly they were allowed to write and receive a letter and to have an interview only once in two months.

(6) Interview Reserve Deputy Jailors are to attend to the work of writing of letters of class II prisoners in jails.

(7) The scale of supply of magazines to prisoners has been ordered to be increased from one copy for every 500 prisoners to one copy for every 200 prisoners. Certain daily newspapers in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada are also supplied at the rate of one copy for every 200 prisoners.

(8) Supply of betels and nuts to condemned prisoners on request.

" (*b*) The food ration allowed to prisoners in jails continues to be the same as that prior to the decontrol of foodgrains. However, the question of revising the scales of ration consequent on decontrol is being considered.

" (*c*) Two ounces of groundnut is allowed to all prisoners in addition to foodgrains. If groundnut is not available Bengalgram is allowed in lieu thereof. Two ounces of potatoes out of 10 ounces of vegetables are allowed, if available, to labouring prisoners on rice diet and mixed diet, who are eligible for 10 ounces of vegetables, in addition to foodgrains. No potatoes in addition to the prescribed rations are allowed in the case of others."

" (*d*) Yes. The prisoners have facilities to hear radio music in the evenings and on some occasions they are permitted to enact dramas.

" (*e*) Yes."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, for what reasons the conditions in jails are made more attractive than the conditions that are prevailing outside? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" We have to sympathize with their condition because they are behind the bars."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know whether the Government, through their Information Department, will give wide publicity to these happy conditions prevailing in the jails, particularly in the famine areas? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I may point out to the hon. Member that this year, the population in jails has decreased."

SRI M. P. GOVINDA MENON :—" When the Hon. Minister for Prisons and myself were co-prisoners in the jail, we experienced some difficulty over smoking. Therefore, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to allow smoking inside the jail? "

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" We are allowing it in the case of some of the prisoners who work in two jails, Coimbatore and another jail."

Appointment of Headmasters and Assistant Headmasters of Government Certified Schools.

* 82 *Q.*—SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any clerks and others who do not possess the qualifications prescribed in the rules were appointed recently as Headmasters and Assistant Headmasters of Government Certified Schools;

(*b*) whether a mere S.S.L.C. holder who was a clerk in the department was recently appointed as Headmaster of a Certified School; and

(*c*) whether Headmasters and Assistant Headmasters of Government Certified Schools do any teaching work?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) Four upper division clerks and four secondary-grade teachers have been appointed as Headmaster's Assistants under emergency provisions.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) No."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I know, Sir, if the Government, even in the year 1952, think it fit that persons without a knowledge of psychology—a vital subject in Teachers' Training—should handle classes as teachers or be in charge of schools, whether applications were called for from trained teachers, and whether only in the absence of response for such advertisements, these posts were filled up with clerks? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I submit, these people were entertained under emergency provisions, suitable candidates being not available."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government would immediately advertise in the newspapers calling for applications for these posts? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" We are advertising in the newspapers, which have a large circulation in the State."

Tenants' Co-operative Societies in Guntur district.

* 83 *Q.*—JANAB SYED MAHABOOB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Tenants' Co-operative Societies functioning in Guntur district; and

(*b*) the extent of land under cultivation by these societies?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (*a*) 175.

" (*b*) 17,021 acres."